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STINGERS HOST MCGILL REDMEN IN SHAUGHNESSY CUP GAME

Head coach, Skip Rochette and his coaching staff are busily preparing the Concordia Football team for the McGill Redmen, as the Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Conference enters its second week. The Stingers host the Redmen in the annual Shaughnessy Cup game, Saturday, September 16th, 2 p.m. at the Concordia Athletic Complex.

The Ottawa Gee-Gees spoiled Rochette's coaching debut last Saturday as they downed the Stingers 19-1. The Stingers fell victim to an inexperienced offensive squad as rookie quarterbacks Ed Babin and Walter Ferrero failed to mount a sustained drive. The only bright spot for the local fans was the running of Nick Carasoulis and Joe Cammallerri. Carasoulis was the game's top rusher with 79 yards on 14 carries, while Cammallerri gained 47 yards on 9 carries.

The McGill Redmen on the other hand are coming off a 44-0 rout of the U.Q.T.R. Patriotes. McGill is looking for their second consecutive cup victory, following last years 51-6 win over the Stingers.

Rochette stated after the Ottawa defeat that inexperience and a lack of discipline hurt the Stingers. But he remains confident that the Concordia gridgers will be ready for the Redmen. "We should not have any trouble getting up for the McGill game," Rochette said prior to Monday's practice. "Our offense will improve as they gain experience."

Saturday's game marks the 10th Shaughnessy Cup Game with the Redmen holding a 6-2-1 advantage. The Cup, symbolic of Montreal Intercollegiate Football Supremacy, is named after the legendary Frank Shaughnessy, Sr. Shag played football under Knute Rockne at Notre Dame, as well as major league baseball and served as President of the International Baseball League. He coached the Loyola College Football team to a Dominion Intercollegiate Intermediate Championship in 1928. The Cup, donated by Canadian Schenley Distilleries, will be presented to the winning team immediately following the contest.